and first batch of scientists is undergoing training. The manufacturing activiteis are expected to begin in 1993-94.

(c) According to information given by Department of Biotechnology, the total investment made on this project till date is about Rs. 19 crores by Indian Vaccines Corporation Limited.

Cholera Vaccine

895. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether afforts have been made to invest a more potent, safe and effective cholera vaccine ;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) and (b) Scientists all over the would, including those in India, are trying to develop a more effective vaccine against cholera. 3 major lines of research being pursued for development of a more effective vaccine against cholera are :—

(i) Cholera Toxiod

(ii) Adjuvant Vaccine

(iii) Whole-Cell/B subunits vaccine.

The Department of Bio-Technology has recently launched a major programme in the field of cholera research using new bio-technology approaches.

(c) Does not arise.

OPEC Hospital in Raichur

896. SHRI ABDUL SAMAD SIDDIQUI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that an OPEC Hospital has been sanctioned at Raichur in Karnataka;

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to start the Hospital;

(c) whether any steps have been taken for the construction of the building for this Hospital; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) The Government had posed the Raichur District Hospital Project for assistance from OPEC funds. The Government Board of OPEC funds has approved a loan of US $ 9 million for the project.

(b) to (d) The Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Facilities for Burns Treatment

897. DR. SANJAYA SINH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that about 1 lakh persons die of burns every year in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that 95 per cent of them die in burn accidents;

(c) if so, what are the facilities available in the country for burns treatment, State/Union Territory-wise;

(d) whether Government have any proposal to increase such facilities; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) The Government do not maintain State-wise statistic regarding the facilities available for burns treatment. As 'Health' is a State subject under the Constitution, it is for the State Governments to augment such facilities in their respective States.